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Officers

Moderator
MILTON ADAIR

Town Clerk
GLORIA MERCER

Selectmen
LYNN PARKHURST CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW

Tax Collector
JAMES MERCER, SR.

Supervisors
GLADYS PILBRO ERNEST PILBRO
ELLERY ADAIR

Trustees of Town Library
THELMA COVELL HARRIETTE LANG
EDWIN FRIZZELL

Auditors
BARBARA HAYNES ARLENE WHITE

Trustees of Trust Funds
EUGENE JORDAN GLADYS PILBRO

Town Treasurer
GLORIA MERCER

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To vote and bring in ballots for the election of Town Officers to be elected by ballot for the Town of Columbia for the ensuing year,

2. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Old Age, Blind and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.

5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of $481.47, the State to contribute the sum of $3,209.78.

8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply any surplus remaining in their hands at the end of the fiscal year 1960 to the defraying of Town charges for the fiscal year 1961 in order to effect a proportionate reduction of the amount to be raised by taxes.

9. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to fix as the price per day for hiring manual labor, equipment and trucks for work on Town roads.

10. To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen and other Town officials to employ residents of the Town for all Town work, provided no unnecessary additional expense shall thereby be incurred by the Town.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $55.44 (being 7/1000ths of 1% of the assessed valuation) for the purpose of uniting with the 45 other towns in the White Mountains Region Association in publicizing and otherwise promoting the natural and commercial factors upon which the economy of the North Country is based.

12. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town, and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when the same is received.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

16. To see whether the Town will vote to discontinue the public library now maintained in said Town of Columbia, in accordance with New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 202, Section 5, in the event of discontinuance the library property of the Town to be loaned or disposed of by the Library Trustees, subject to the approval of the State Library Commission.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the subject of Town Charges for the ensuing year.

18. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of agents, auditors, Selectmen and all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.

20. To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this Twenty-Seventh day of February, A. D. 1961.

CHAS. H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
LYNN PARKHURST
Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

A True Copy, Attest:
CHAS. H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
LYNN PARKHURST
Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

Budget

Revenue:	Actual	Estimated
From State:		
Railroad Tax	$ 265.49	$ 265.49
Class V Roads	2,113.42	3,209.78
Reimbursement Timber Tax	1,051.39	1,051.39
From Local Sources Except Property Taxes:		
Dog Licenses	48.00	48.00
Motor Vehicle Fees	1,934.13	1,934.13
Filing Fees	4.00	4.00
School District ½ of reports	98.00	98.00
		$ 6,610.79

Purpose of Expenditures:	Actual	Estimated
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,179.50	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,494.18	1,000.00
Election	86.00	——
Expense Town Buildings	460.27	——
Police	23.20	——
Fire Department	235.04	1,000.00
Bounties	43.00	——
Insurance	381.60	400.00
Summer Roads	6,179.12	3,500.00
Winter Roads	6,435.59	5,000.00
Cutting Bushes	312.00	300.00
Town Road Aid	483.73	481.47
Library	11.11	00.00
Old Age Assistance	473.31	800.00
Town Poor	201.83	1,200.00
Cemeteries	229.60	250.00
Legal Expense	20.00	
Adv. White Mt. Region	49.32	55.44
Taxes Purchased by Town	2,290.36	
Interest on Loan	65.67	
Town Construction (bridge)	765.58	
Temporary Loan	8,000.00	
Bond Debt Retirement	566.00	
State Head Taxes	881.00	
County Tax	1,301.05	1,301.05

School Appropriation	23,410.88	21,836.50
Total Estimated Expenditures		$38,624.46
Less Estimated Revenue		6,610.79
Amount to be raised by Taxation		$32,013.67

Taxes Assessed

Town Officers' Salaries		$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses		1,000.00
Fire Department		1,000.00
Insurance		400.00
Town Road Aid		483.73
Summer Roads		3,500.00
Winter Roads		5,000.00
Gen. Exp. of Highway		300.00
Cutting Bushes		300.00
Town Poor		600.00
Cemeteries		250.00
Adv. White Mt. Region		49.32
County Tax		1,301.05
School Tax		21,836.50
Old Age Assistance		500.00
		$38,020.60
Less: Estimated Revenues:		
Interest on Taxes	$ 25.00	
Railroad Tax	265.49	
Savings Bank Tax	.59	
Revenue from Yield Tax	3,348.28	
Dog Licenses	18.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,884.84	
Cash Surplus	754.40	
Total Revenue Credits		6,296.60
		$31,724.00
Plus Overlay		361.96
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		$32,085.96

Less: 179 Poll Taxes		358.00
Net Amount to be raised by Property Taxes		$31,727.96
Tax Rate	$5.20	

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$19,362.67
Unredeemed Taxes (from sale on account of)	
Levy of 1960	2,290.36
Levy of 1959	860.35
Levy of 1958	92.79
Previous Years	751.14
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1960	1,196.14
Levy of 1959	139.99
Levy of 1958	12.00
Previous Years	378.09
State Head Taxes Levy of 1960	135.00
State Head Taxes Previous Years	30.00
Total Assets	$25,248.53
Liabilities:	
Due School District	$21,836.50
State Head Taxes Uncollected due State	135.00
Total Liabilities	$21,971.50
Excess Assets over Liabilities	3,277.03
	$25,248.53
Net Surplus 12/31/59	$ 6,820.05
Net Surplus 12/31/60	3,277.03
Increase in Surplus	$ 3,543.02

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Land and Buildings	$451,541.00
Mill Property	3,500.00
Electric Plants	95,320.00
House Trailer	1,100.00
Stock in Trade	4,000.00
22 Horses	2,975.00
517 Cows	51,510.00
53 Neat Stock	4,515.00
12 Sheep	120.00
4000 Fowl	2,000.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	625.00

Wood and Lumber	7,981.00
Total Gross Valuation	$625,187.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	15,034.00
Net Valuatoin on which tax rate is computed	$610,153.00
	x 5.20
	$31,727.96

Breakdown of Tax Rate:

Municipal (Town and City)	$1.40
County	.22
School	3.58
	$5.20

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Library Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Highway Dept., Land and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	8,700.00
Schools, Land and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
	$45,700.00

Selectmen's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1960	$25,027.18
Adjustment of State Audit	135.63
G. A. Jackson from Trust Funds	10.00
School District ½ printing 1959 Reports	115.00
Railroad Tax	265.49
Savings Bank Tax	.59
Auto Permits, Harry Lang	342.42
Auto Permits, Gloria Mercer	1,591.71
Dog Permits, Gloria Mercer	48.00
Filing Fees	4.00
School District ½ of 1960 Reports	98.00
St. of N. H. Class V Roads	2,113.42
St. of N. H., Forest Comm. Aid	1,051.39
Marshall & Kent, R. Prem. W. C. Audit	19.29
James Mercer, Tax Collector	35,510.96
Town of Lemington for Columbia Bridge	361.64
Lynn Parkhurst	5.00
Farmers & Traders National Bank, Temp. Loan	8,000.00
Total Receipts	$74,700.32

PAYMENTS

Officers' Salaries:	
Thelma Covell, Audit	$ 10.00
Gladys Pilbro, Supervisor	75.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	75.00
Ellery Adair, Supervisor	75.00
Chas. H. White, Selectman	150.00
Clyde Shallow, Selectman	150.00
Lynn Parkhurst	150.00
Clyde Shallow, Overseer of Poor	44.50
James Mercer, Tax Collector	150.00
Gloria Mercer, Town Clerk	150.00
Gloria Mercer, Treasurer	150.00
	$ 1,179.50
Officers' Expenses:	
Assessors Ass'n dues	$ 3.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	28.52
Chas. H. White	37.48
Thelma Covell, clerical	109.00

News & Sentinel, notices, supplies, etc.	73.05
Andrew George, bonds	77.00
News & Sentinel, ballots	9.25
Warren A. Bartlett, cards	13.92
Chas. Hardy, Clerk Ass'n dues	3.00
Ida Rowell, Tax Collectors' Ass'n dues	3.00
Stickney Pharmacy, file holders	2.30
Braham Pub. Co.	7.35
Hill's Dept. Store, supplies	1.04
News & Sentinel, reports	212.22
Caledonia Typewriter	65.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	18.57
Gloria Mercer, copying blotter & expenses	197.24
Hill's Dept. Store	1.33
Clyde Shallow, expenses	75.00
Harry Lang	110.50
N. H. Tax Commission, audit	154.49
Chas. White, expenses	85.00
James Mercer, Tax Collector, expenses	173.90
Gloria Mercer, Expenses of Town Clerk	33.02
	$ 1,494.18
Election and Registration:	
Myrtle Parker, Ballot Clerk	$ 22.00
Lina Breen, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Mary White, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Elaine Rainville, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Alda Jackson, Ballot Clerk	16.00
Milton Adair, Moderator	10.00
	$ 86.00
Police:	
Lynn Parkhurst (police and exp.)	$ 23.20
Town Buildings:	
Washburn Lumber Co., wood for garage	$ 64.00
Lights: Town buildings	68.00
Andrew Jackson, piling wood	49.50
Lynn Parkhurst, garage roof	153.77
Lyman Forbes, garage roof	125.00
	$ 460.27
Fire:	
Town of Stratford, Chapple fire	$ 20.00
Harry Lang	10.04
Ira Bumford, fire	57.25

Aaron Bennett	73.25
Grass fire back of Parkhurst garage	74.50
	$ 235.04

Bounties:

Irving Blodgett, hedgehogs	$ 9.50
Clyde Shallow, hedgehogs	17.00
Chas. H. White, hedgehogs	16.50
	$ 43.00

Summer Roads:

Chas. H. White, truck, gravel, etc.	$ 1,493.80
Clyde Shallow	31.50
Alfred Bunnell	3.00
Chas. J. White, grading	162.00
Kenneth Fox	9.00
Verne Reynolds	27.00
New England Metal Culvert	225.80
Irving Blodgett	12.00
G. B. Currier, chloride	595.35
Bernard Howland, grading	326.25
Kibby Equipment, repair	79.07
National Paving, construction	69.00
Town of Colebrok, grading	416.00
Clyde B. Gray	225.45
Raymond White	866.50
Edwin Robie	42.30
Elwin Gould	304.35
Chas. White	1,018.75
Town of Colebrook, grading	272.00
	$ 6,179.12

Cutting Bushes:

Earl Cass	$ 312.00
Town Road Aid	483.75

Winter Roads:

Nugent Motor Corp., repairs	$ 73.19
Farmers Feed & Supply, salt, etc.	314.87
P. A. Hicks & Sons, parts	35.93
Kibby Equipment Co.	123.07
Edmund Owen, mileage	54.00
Gulf Oil Corp., gas and oil	379.26
C. J. Lewis	155.99
Columbia Steel, parts	258.65
Beaver Falls Garage	1,225.89

Gerard Richards, moving bulldozer	30.00
St. of N. H., plowing	100.43
Clyde Shallow, plowing and sanding	926.00
Hazen Goodrum, plowing and sanding	328.55
Monty Goodrum, plowing and sanding	580.75
Alfred Bunnell	6.00
Jesse Klebe	8.70
Francis Chapple, plowing	546.00
Arthur Sweatt, plowing	30.00
Irvin Blodgett, plowing	10.00
Chas. H. White	84.60
David Shallow	71.00
Edwin Frizzell	10.00
Earl Cass	17.50
Stewart Rainville	27.25
Roy Whitehill, repairs	82.76
Arnold Goodrum	11.00
Gerard Richards, bulldozing	324.00
Robert Wilson	10.00
Kenneth Smith, sanding	5.00
Freeman Marshall, gravel	20.00
Fuller Bros., parts	5.94
Buldoc Garage	94.00
Henry Fournier, repairs	3.75
Elmer Buffington, welding	52.50
Pambro Sales Co. (highway)	128.46
Chas. H. White, sand	125.80
Chas. H. White, hauling salt	27.50
Clyde Shallow on tractor and plow	48.50
Verne Reynolds, plowing	90.00
Freeman Colby, Jr.	8.75
	$ 6,435.59

Insurance:

Marshall & Kent	$ 80.99
Farm Bureau	4.68
Edwin Frizzell	189.84
Marshall & Kent	106.09
	$ 381.60

Library:

Thelma Covell	$ 11.11

To close out Literary Guild Book Club

Old Age Assistance:

Catherine Currier

Frances Jacque	
Ivan Nason	
Worthly Odell	$ 473.31
Town Poor:	
Junior Gadwah, wood	$ 31.00
Junior Gadwah, lights	13.22
Junior Gadwah, oil	10.22
Paul Poulin, lights	12.20
Glen Smith, County Hospital	40.00
Eddie Rainville, Groceries for Sweatt	95.19
	$ 201.83
Cemeteries:	
G. A. Jackson	$ 109.60
Aurora Poulin	120.00
	$ 229.60
Legal Expense:	
Fred Harrigan, warrant	$ 15.00
	5.00
	$ 20.00
Adv. and Regional Assn.:	
White Mt. Region Assn.	$ 49.32
Taxes Bought by Town	2,290.36
Interest on Loan	65.67
Town Construction:	
Lynn Parkhurst & Sons, material for bridge	$ 424.70
Chas. H. White, oil	5.00
Raymond White, labor on bridge	145.00
Chas. H. White, labor on bridge	126.08
Glen Smith	22.50
Lynn Parkhurst, men and truck	42.30
	$ 765.58
State of New Hampshire:	
Bond and Debt Retirement	$ 566.00
Head Taxes	881.00
	$ 1,447.00
County Tax	1,301.05
Temporary Loan:	
Farmers & Traders National Bank	$ 8,000.00
School Appropriation:	
Annie E. Frizzell, School Treas.	$23,410.88

Tax Collector's Report

Current Year Levy of 1960		
Property, Yield and Poll Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$31,727.96	
Poll	358.00	
Yield	2,598.11	
Added Taxes		
Property	96.23	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Interest Collected	16.41	
		$34,800.71
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$31,663.04	
Poll Taxes	302.00	
Yield Taxes	1,504.57	
Interest Collected	16.41	
		$33,486.02
Abatements:		
Property	$ 106.55	
Poll	12.00	
		118.55
Uncollected as per list:		
Property	$ 54.60	
Poll	48.00	
Yield	1,093.54	
		1,196.14
		$34,800.71
Levy of 1959		
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1960:		
Property	$ 25.26	
Poll	68.00	
Yield	242.69	
Interest	2.00	
Added Polls	10.00	
		$ 347.95
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property	$ 25.26	
Poll	64.00	
Yield	116.70	
Interest	2.00	
		$ 207.96

Uncollected:		
Property	none	
Poll	$ 10.00	
Yield	125.99	
Abated Poll	4.00	
		139.99
		$ 347.95
Levy of 1958		
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1960:		
Property	none	
Poll	none	
Yield	$ 12.00	
		$ 12.00
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property	none	
Poll	none	
Yield	none	
Uncollected Yield	$ 12.00	
		$ 12.00
Levy of Previous Years		
Uncollected as of Jan. 1, 1960:		
Property	$ 135.18	
Poll	14.00	
Yield	321.79	
Interest	3.64	
		$ 474.61
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property	$ 41.91	
Yield	45.97	
Interest	3.64	
		$ 91.52
Uncollected:		
Property	$ 88.27	
Poll	14.00	
Yield	275.82	
Abated Property	5.00	
		383.09
		$ 474.61

State Head Tax:

Levy of 1960

Head Taxes Committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	$ 985.00

Added Tax	10.00	
Total Commitment		$ 995.00
Penalties Collected		16.00
		$ 1,011.00
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	$ 835.00	
Penalties	16.00	
		$ 851.00
Abatements		25.00
Uncollected as per list		135.00
		$ 1,011.00
State Head Tax Levy of 1959		
Uncollected as of 1/1/60		$ 235.00
Added during year		30.00
Penalties collected during year		19.00
Total Debits		$ 284.00
Remittances to Treasurer during 1960:		
Head Taxes	$ 210.00	
Penalties	19.00	
		$ 229.00
Abatements		25.00
Uncollected as per list		30.00
		$ 284.00

SUMMARY OF SALES ACCOUNT 12/31/60

Taxes Sold Town During Fiscal Year

	1960	1959	1958	Prev. Years
	$2,290.36	$2,864.01	$676.24	$1,037.79
Remittance to Treasurer		2,003.66	583.45	286.65
Unredeemed at close of year	$2,290.36	$ 860.35	$ 92.79	$ 751.14

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM SALES AS OF 12/31/60

	1960	1959	1958	Prev. Years
Mae Parker Bumford $	27.27			
Arthur Sweatt	47.87			
Azel Harding	56.72			
Clarence Goodrum	53.09	$ 10.18		
Aaron Bennett	28.27			
Evangeline Sweatt	32.32			
Louis Burness	35.11			
Wesley & Beulah Hartwell	75.00			
Howard Gadwah	39.72	21.88	$21.87	$ 20.38
Robert Cross	29.87	15.32		
Richard Dion	704.31			
Keith Burrill	223.76	9.20		
Columbia Poultry farm	453.19	615.56		
Earl Cass	368.78			
Earl Tilton	7.93			
G. Hebbard & Stewart Rainville	22.04	25.16	21.87	
Maurice Pinard	49.48	59.60	49.05	368.11
Dennis Caouette	18.82			
Wm. & Julia Ball	16.81			
Jean Vachon		100.60		
John Lafond				37.39
Coleman Schoff		2.85		
Armand Brochu				33.43
Ernest Goodrum				19.03
Wilfred Dupuis				15.01
L. Grandmaison				217.15
L. Brochu				20.64
	$2,290.36	$860.35	$92.79	$731.14

JAMES MERCER, SR.
Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

HARRY LANG, Jan. 1 to March 8, 1960

Cash on hand 1/1/60	$25,027.78
Change as per State audit	135.63
Receipts Jan. 1 to March 8, 1960	1,618.24
Total Receipts	$26,781.65
Expenditures Jan. 1 to March 8th	16,747.92
Balance March 8th, 1960	$10,033.73

During the year I have recorded 6 births, 5 deaths, and 3 marriage licenses.

Licenses have been paid me on dogs amounting to	$ 56.00
I have issued licenses on Automobiles amounting to:	
16 Permits for 1959	20.07
256 Permits for 1960	2,470.50
	$ 2,546.57

These sums I have paid to the Treasurer.

GLORIA MERCER, Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand March 8, 1960	$ 9,953.73
Received from all sources	48,159.96
	$58,113.69
Less Selectmen's orders	38,751.02
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1960	$19,362.67
Bank balance	$19,673.65
Dept. Jan. 4, 1961	4,734.64
	$24,408.29
Checks outstanding	5,045.62
Reconciled Balance	$19,362.67

Trust Funds

Mary A. Walker March 4, 1946	
Balance Jan. 1, 1960	$ 474.25
Income during year	14.49
Expended during year	8.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1960	480.74
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care in East Columbia Cemetery	
Mrs. Warren Marshall Aug. 29, 1935	
Balance Jan. 1, 1960	77.40
Income during year	2.36
Expended during year	none
Balance Dec. 31, 1960	79.76
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care in East Columbia Cemetery	
Ellen Cleveland March 27, 1933	
Balance Jan. 1, 1960	118.27
Income during year	3.63
Expended during year	6.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1960	115.90
Farmers & Traders National Bank	
Care in East Columbia Cemetery	
Henry Forrestall Est. Sept. 3, 1946	
Balance Jan. 1, 1960	224.59
Income during year	7.98
Expended during year	6.00
Balance Dec. 31, 1960	226.57
Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	
Care in East Columbia Cemetery	

EUGENE JORDAN
GLADYS PILBRO
Trustees

SCHOOL REPORT

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICERS

Moderator
HARRY F. LANG

Clerk
ANNIE S. FRIZZELL

Treasurer
ANNIE S. FRIZZELL

Auditors
ARLENE G. WHITE ARTHUR M. GOULD

School Board

EDWIN C. FRIZZELL, CHM.	Term Expires 1961
THELMA G. COVELL	Term Expires 1962
ERWIN L. PARKHURST	Term Expires 1963

Superintendent of Schools
ERNEST B. DANA

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1961, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with such other income; the School board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the school board to make application for and to accept, on behalf of the district, any or all grants or offers for educational purposes which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the State of New Hampshire and/or United States.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 7th day of February, 1961.

EDWIN C. FRIZZELL, CHM.
THELMA G. COVELL
ERWIN L. PARKHURST
School Board

Superintendent's Report

To the School Board and Citizens of the Columbia School District:

It is interesting to note that although there is no abatement in the general demand for a further shortening of the already greatly shortened work week, more and more is being heard about the need for "Johnny" to spend both more hours each day and more days each year in school. It is noted, also, that in spite of less and less being heard about the craftsmanship of his dad in this age of automatism, there is an increasing demand that this boy, particularly if he is gifted, be made to confine his work more to the so-called solid subjects, and that he be given a real rough time even with the stretch in hours. In light of what he certainly is going to observe as contrasted to what he is being told, the question might well arise to what extent is it going to be possible to convince this youngster that it is good.

When one stops to ponder over the stated means by which it is said better schools will result, old time basis educational principles of long standing come to mind. In particular, the focusing of the attention primarily upon intellectual training ot the utmost ability rather than upon the "whole child" stands out. Recognition, too, that the rare qualiies of character such as aspiration, determination, and purpose are perhaps caught as much as, if not more than, taught indicates a greater awareness of the imponderables and intangibles in human behavior. And the growing conviction that there is no substitute for challenging work whether done in the classroom or at home in developing ability to think, points to the urgency of the provision of schools with a balance that will hang on to that which has continued value, delete that which is unessential, and emphasize that which is most vital.

Teachers

As has been reiterated again and again, with little or no change in the prolonged teacher shortage in the foreseeable future, we are very fortunate to have veteran teachers in all our schools. The teachers, with respective schools and grades, are Mrs. Florence B. Hughes, Church, Grades 1-4; Mrs. Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Div-

ision, Grades 5-8; and Mrs. Isabella D. Spofford, Cone, Grades 1-4.

School Nurse - Health

With ever more conclusive evidence gathered to the effect that with other things being equal, the effectiveness of work done in school by the pupil is directly proportional to his or her overall health, the importance of the stellar work done by our school nurse, Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, becomes increasingly more apparent.

Aided as she is with modern up-to-date equipment and the "know how" through many years of experience, such professional services are rendered as the administering of periodic immunizations, the giving of complete physical examinations every four years, and the conducting of annual x-ray and pre-school clinics as well as the many and varied constant check-ups conducted from time to time during the year.

Repairs - Equipment

Repair work done during the past year has included the shingling of the front side of the woodshed and the toilet roofs at the Grand Division School; the shingling of the classroom section and woodshed roofs on the front side at the Cone School; painting inside both boys' and girls' toilets at all three schools; installing an exit door leading directly from the classroom to the out-of-doors on the South side of the building at the Church and Cone Schools; and such miscellaneous repairs as would keep all buildings in a good state of maintenance.

Although most equipment purchased this year has been confined to those items customarily obtained for instructional purposes, several additional pupils' chairs and desks will be needed to accommodate the increased enrollment in the schools within the district another year.

Enrollment and Attendance

The enrollment in the schools within the district is the largest that it has been for six years as it is 65 at the time of this writing as compared to 59, 58, 54, 54, and 49 for the respective preceding five years. The average percentage of attendance for the three schools for the past year was 96.54 and the average number of tardinesses per pupil was .14.

The total number of pupils enrolled in schools outside the district shows an even more marked increase

than it does inside, as it is 67 at the present time in comparison to 50, 56, 46, 51 and 46 for the respective preceding five years. A breakdown of these totals taken in the same successvie order shows 28, 20, 20, 21, 25, and 23 at the high school level and 39, 30, 36, 25, 26, and 23 at the elementary level.

Notes on the Budget

The School Board's budget for 1961-62 is $44,731.00 as compared to $38,317.00 for the current year. This amount is reduced by estimated state aid of $12,000.00 which leaves a balance of $32,731.00 to be raised by taxes by the town. For the most part, the substantial increase in the budget for next year is explained, as will be noted in the budget breakdown found on subsequent pages in this report, by provision for increases in salaries, higher tuition costs, and the purchase of equipment.

Conclusion

May I again express my deep appreciation to the members of the School Board, parents, teachers, and citizens for all the assistance and cooperation received as we have worked together in an effort to provide the best possible education for our boys and girls. It is only with the help of you all that high standards can be achieved and maintained.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST B. DANA
Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1959-60

State Aid	$11,272.73
Current Appropriation	24,910.88
School Tuition	200.00
Other Sources	423.65
Total Net Receipts from all sources	$36,807.26
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1959	700.39
Grand Total Net Receipts	$37,507.65

PAYMENTS

	1959-60 Budget	Total Spent	Balance June 30
Salaries of District Officers	$ 300.00	$ 270.00	$ 30.00
Supt's Salary	231.00	231.00	——
Per Capita Tax	208.00	208.00	——
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	239.00	229.00	10.00
Supplies and Expenses	390.00	424.75	- 34.75
Teachers' Salaries	11,050.00	10,674.13	375.87
Books and other Instructional Aids	200.00	178.56	21.44
Scholars' Supplies	400.00	357.38	42.62
Supplies and other expenses	75.00	65.18	9.82
Janitor Service	610.00	713.00	- 103.00
Fuel	400.00	313.50	86.50
Water, lights, supplies and expenses	290.00	338.56	- 48.56
Repairs and Replacements	500.00	320.15	179.85
Health	350.00	373.46	- 23.46
Transportation	4,860.00	4,811.00	49.00
Tuition	15,700.00	13,155.86	2,544.14
Special Activities & Special Funds	50.00	6.00	44.00
Retirement and OASI	920.00	819.20	100.80
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Exp.	61.00	89.56	- 28.56
Lands and New Buildings	——	35.00	- 35.00
New Equipment	50.00	419.09	- 369.09
Totals:	$36,884.00	$34,032.38	$2,851.62

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Columbia, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960 and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

ARLENE G. WHITE
ARTHUR M. GOULD
Auditors

June 30, 1960

DETAILED EXPENDITURES
1959-60

Salaries of District Officers:	
Edwin C. Frizzell, School Board	$ 60.00
Arthur M. Gould, Auditor—2 years	10.00
Hazel L. Goodrum, Auditor	5.00
Arlene G. White, Auditor	5.00
Erwin L. Parkhurst, School Board	60.00
Thelma G. Covell, School Board	60.00
Harry F. Lang, Moderator	5.00
Annie S. Frizzell, Clerk and Treasurer	65.00
	$ 270.00
Supt's Salary:	
State Treasurer	$ 231.00

In accordance with the laws of 1959, Chapter 189, Section 48, a breakdown of the total amount paid to the Superintendent by the State and respective school districts follows:

	Salary	Travel	Total
State of N. H.	$4,500.00		$4,500.00
Colebrook	1,617.00	$ 588.00	2,205.00
Columbia	231.00	84.00	315.00
Clarksville	132.00	48.00	180.00
Pittsburg	858.00	312.00	1,170.00
Stewartstown	462.00	168.00	630.00
Totals:	$7,800.00	$1,200.00	$9,000.00

Per Capita Tax:	
State Treasurer	208.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel:	
Thelma G. Covell, Census	$ 20.00
Erwin L. Parkhurst, Census	20.00

Marion E. Wells, Clerk	114.55
Irene M. Holt, Secretary	65.25
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	9.20
	$ 229.00
Supplies and Expenses:	
N. E. Telephone and Telegraph Co.	$ 66.75
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	17.74
Edmund Owen, Postmaster—envelopes	10.25
State Treas., Supt's travel	84.00
Columbia Town Treasurer—reports (2 yrs.)	213.00
Pittsburg School District—phone for nurse	8.15
Ernest B. Dana, office expenses	9.59
Colebrook School District, office expenses	5.27
N. H. School Board Assoc., dues	10.00
Teachers' Salaries:	
Florence B. Hughes	2,671.07
Myra A. Holbrook	2,595.58
Isabella D. Spofford	2,761.46
Robert S. Wright	395.67
Colebrook National Bank, withholding tax	1,356.70
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	53.40
Treasurer, State of N. H.—OASI	300.35
Teachers Retirement System	467.90
Mary E. White, Substitute	72.00
	$10,674.13
Books and Instructional Aids:	
Charles E. Merrill, books	$ .82
Follett Publishing Co., books	82.49
Scott, Foresman and Co., books	32.76
The Art Centre, brushes	2.25
Ginn and Co., science	54.98
J. L. Hammett Co., forms	5.26
	$ 178.56
Scholars Supplies:	
American Book Co., workbooks	$ 7.26
Houghton Mifflin Co., tests	7.05
Follett Publishing Co., workbooks	49.95
J. L. Hammett Co., oak tag—supplies	17.66
The Ruwe Pencil Co., pencils	14.37
Eastern Musical—autoharp	10.11
Mainco Trading Co., supplies	91.99
The Macmillan Co., workbooks	16.73

Milton Bradley Co., supplies	11.89
Junior Scholastic, Subscriptions	8.00
Scott, Foresman and Co., workbooks	55.43
American Education Publications, weekly readers	26.50
University of N. H.—film rental	14.30
Paris Industries, magic markers	1.50
Allyn and Bacon, workbooks	9.64
World Book Co., tests	9.21
Charles E. Merrill Co., books	1.40
The Art Centre, paints	1.00
Educational Test Bureau, record folders	1.39
Caledonia Typewriter Co., carbon paper	2.00
	$ 357.38

Supplies and other Expnses:

N. H. State Library, lost book	$ .95
Valley Forge Flag Co., flags	4.15
William C. Brown Co., guide	2.50
Field Enterprises Ed. Corp., annual	3.50
Webster Publishing Co., class books	5.00
N. L. & E. W. Kruysman, report card covers	4.00
The L. W. Singer Co., book	3.90
The World Telegram, almanacs	3.90
University of N. H., film rental	16.00
Florence B. Hughes, encyclopedia and atlas	21.28
	$ 65.18

Janitor Service:

Thelma Covell	$ 444.00
Milton Adair	222.00
Clayton Adair, cleaning yard	2.00
Marguerite Reynolds, cleaning	15.00
Thelma Covell, cleaning	30.00
	$ 713.00

Fuel:

Walter Collins, wood	$ 173.50
L. Parkhurst and Sons, wood	30.00
Duane Gadwah, piling wood	24.00
Anthony Hartwell, piling wood	20.00
Berkley Edwards, piling wood	24.00
Brandon Haynes, piling wood	16.00
Clayton Adair, piling wood	20.00
Bruce Gleason, kindling wood	6.00
	$ 313.50

Water, Lights, Supplies and Expenses:

N. H. Electric Coop., lights	$ 167.29
Public Service Co., lights	55.58
Red and White Supermarket, supplies	4.77
American Chemical Co., toilet paper, sweep comp.	11.98
Milton Bradley Co., drinking cups	26.35
W. E. Fuller, oil cloth	2.04
P. A. Hicks and Sons, containers	4.98
Aaron Stevens, water pail	2.50
Fuller Bros., labor—sewer	10.15
Bryant's, cocoa mat	2.39
E. F. Royal, supplies	3.83
The Peck Company, towels	46.70
	$ 338.56

Repairs and Replacements:

Chester Martin, labor and materials	$ 303.87
Lynn Parkhurst, repairs	5.78
Hughes Radio and TV, needle	2.50
Daniel Hebert, pump	3.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, labor on water	5.00
	$ 320.15

Health:

Ethel S. Sturgis, nurse	$ 288.38
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	3.72
Treas., State of N. H.—OASI	8.92
Teachers' Retirement System, retirement	14.00
Thelma G. Covell, Trans., clinic	25.00
Verne Reynolds, Trans., clinic	5.00
Dickson's Pharmacy, supplies	8.97
Dr. Parsons and Dr. Gifford, physicals	18.00
A. H. Rice Co., forms	1.47
	$ 373.46

Transportation:

Kilburn Covell	$ 2,497.00
Verne Reynolds	2,314.00
	$ 4,811.00

Tuition:

	High	Elem.
The Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center		$ 46.08
Colebrook School District	$5,248.05	6,136.73

Stratford School District	1,725.00	
	$6,973.05	$6,182.81
Special Activities and Special Funds:		
N. Y. Athletci Supply Co., balls		$ 6.00
Retirement and OASI:		
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI		$ 255.65
Dept. of Public Welfare—Adm. costs		2.54
Teachers' Retirement System		561.01
		$ 819.20
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses:		
Elsie M. Annis, bond		$ 10.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, Grange Ins.		79.56
		$ 89.56
Land and New Buildings:		
Brandon Haynes, removal of trees, Cone School		$ 35.00
New Equipment:		
Paris Manufacturing Co., desks		$ 44.70
Brandon Haynes, moving chairs		9.00
The Jarmak Co., chairs		357.06
LaBar Auto Co., moving chairs and desks		2.30
School Health Supply Co., scales		6.03
		$ 419.09

BUDGET 1961-62
(Compared with the Budget of 1960-61 and Expenditures of 1959-60)

	Amount Spent 1959-60	Budget 1960-61	Proposed Budget 1961-62
*Sal. of Dist. Officers	$ 270.00	$ 300.00	$ 300.00
*Supt's Salary	231.00	231.00	238.00
*Per Capita Tax	208.00	226.00	252.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	229.00	260.00	260.00
Supplies and Expenses	424.75	400.00	400.00
Teachers' Salaries	10,674.13	11,650.00	12,250.00
Books and Other Aids	178.56	200.00	200.00
Scholars' Supplies	357.38	400.00	400.00
Supplies and other Expenses	65.18	75.00	75.00
Janitor Service	713.00	725.00	734.00
Fuel	313.50	400.00	400.00
Water, Lights, Supplies and Other Expenses	338.56	310.00	340.00
Repairs and Replacements	320.15	500.00	500.00
Health	373.46	350.00	380.00
Transportation	4,811.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
Tuition, high	6,973.05	10,330.00	12,644.00
Tuition, elem.	6,182.81	5,270.00	8,400.00
Special Fund Act.	6.00	50.00	50.00
*Retirement and OASI	819.20	1,040.00	1,075.00
Ins., Tr. Bonds and Expenses	89.56	100.00	33.00
Land and New Buildings	35.00	——	——
New Equipment	419.09	100.00	400.00
Totals:	$34,032.38	$38,317.00	$44,731.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the District Officers are determined by the district. A relationship which takes into consideration school membership and assessed valuation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the Per Capita Tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount of Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME 1961-62

State Aid	$12,000.00
School Board's Budget	44,731.00
Requested Appropriation	$32,731.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE
1959-60

Teachers	Grade	No. Boys	No. Pupils	Average Attend.	Av. Membership	Percent of Attendance	No. Tardinesses Per Pupil
Florence B. Hughes, Church School	1-4	18	8	16.84	17.38	96.83	None
Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Division	5-8	17	8	15.70	16.08	97.62	None
Isabella D. Spofford, Cone School	1-4	30	11	23.88	24.97	95.63	.41
Totals:		65	27	56.42	58.43	96.54	.41

TEACHERS' CONTRACTED SALARIES 1960-61

Florence B. Hughes	$ 3,600.00
Myra A. Holbrook	3,600.00
Isabella D. Spofford	3,600.00
David E. Killam	430.00

NURSE AND SALARY

Ethel S. Sturgis	329.00

JANITORS AND SALARIES

	Per Week
Thelma G. Covell, Church and Grand Division	$ 12.00
Florence Reardon, Cone	6.00

TRANSPORTATION

	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Miles Per Day
Kilburn G. Covell	$15.00	28	52
Verne M. Reynolds	15.00	74	62

ENROLLMENT

Church, Grades 1-4, 15; Grand Division, Grades 5-8, 19; Cone, Grades 1-4, 31. Total 65.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATES

Colebrook Academy	21	$399.00
Colebrook Elementary	39	170.00
Stratford High	7	399.00
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VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF

COLUMBIA, N. H.

1960

Marriages Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1960

Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age	Date Marriage	Place	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Lovell V. Oakes	77	July 30, 1960	Colebrook, N. H.	John E. Oakes	Addie L. Sanborn
Alice R. Butler	69			Frank Briggs	Kate Leamy
William Walter Reynolds	21	Sept. 3, 1960	Columbia, N. H.	Vern Merton Reynolds	Margaret Mabel Stanton
Dorothy Lois Gilcris	18			Charles William Gilcris	Pearl P. Demers
Roland Roy Young	22	Nov. 12, 1960	Colebrook, N. H.	William J. Young	Lottie E. Hawes
Rose Mary Smith	18			Glenn B. Smith	Ruth E. Kenney

Births Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1960

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Jan. 28, 1960	Robyn Lynn Rainville	Wilbur Andrew Rainville	Roberta Spitzner	West Stewartstown
Mar. 24, 1960	David Ray White	Charles Joseph White	Arlene Mary Gould	West Stewartstown
Apr. 29, 1960	Thomas Lew Wallace	Lew Anson Wallace	Ruby Janice Gray	West Stewartstown
June 10, 1960	Kevin William Corliss	Harvey Charles Corliss	Pauline Dorothea Burns	West Stewartstown
Nov. 1, 1960	Dorothy Helen Goodrum	Bernard Ernest Goodrum	Ethel Ann Mills	West Stewartstown
Nov. 14, 1960	Virginia Lee Caron	Eugene Ernest Caron	Arlene Annie Nason	West Stewartstown

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1960

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Yrs.	Mo.	Days	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Sept. 8, 1960	Wayne Alphonse Roby	46			Alphonse Roby	Lillian Pinckney
Nov. 6, 1960	Nancy Lee Young	7			Robert Young	Iona Wallace
Nov. 23, 1960	Benjamin Arthur Smith	19			Lynn Smith	Helen Jackson
Dec. 22, 1960	Kevin Chris Wright		1	26	Paul Wright	Loretta Young
Dec. 23, 1960	Guy Oral Kenney	73			Unknown	Caroline Kenney